

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-14 are pending in the current application. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Claims 2-4 and 7-9 are allowed. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 14 are objected to. The Examiner rejected Claims 11 and 13.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2 and 3 to correct minor typographical errors.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 in that the term bearing support recess, as called for in these claims, was not expressly recited in the specification. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0003], [0006], [0020], and [0021] to incorporate this terminology. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment does not introduce new matter as a recess (132) in bearing support 66 is illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the objection to these claims.

The Examiner objected to Claims 12 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, i.e., Independent Claim 11, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed in further detail below, Applicant has cancelled Claim 12 and amended Claim 11 to include the substantial limitations of Claim 12.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected Independent Claim 11, and Claim 13 depending therefrom, as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 4,895,496 to Elson (hereinafter "Elson '496"). Applicant has amended Claim 11 to include the substantial limitations of allowable Claim 12. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claim 11, and Claim 13 depending therefrom, are allowable over Elson '496. Applicant further requests the withdrawal of the objection to Claim 14, which depends from Independent Claim 11, as it is now dependent from an allowable base claim.


It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, she is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 424-8000.

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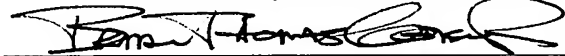
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